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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 4826; B) DAR ES SALAAM 4966

1. SUMMARY: PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN MAINLAND TANZANIA ON OCTOBER 26 PRODUCED A MAJORITY OF NEW FACES. HOWEVER, ALL BUT TWO OF THE 14 INCUMBENT CABINET MINISTERS WHO RAN FOR ELECTION WERE SAFELY RESEATED. THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, LIKE THE PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTING, PROVIDE FRESH EVIDENCE THAT TANZANIAN DEMOCRACY SHOULD BE VIEWED AS PARTICIPATION IN SYMBOLIC RATIFICATION OF TANU PARTY DECISIONS RATHER THAN SELECTION BETWEEN ALTERNATIVES.

2. MINISTERS: DEFEATED MINISTERS WERE MUSOBI MAGENI (LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT) AND REV. S.E. CHIWANGA (NATIONAL EDUCATION). LATTER WAS SUBJECT OF ONLY PUBLIC CONTROVERSY DURING CAMPAIGN, WHEN HIGH OFFICIALS (INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO CHINA JOB LUSINDE) WERE ACCUSED OF

ILLEGALLY CAMPAIGNING ON HIS BEHALF.

3. STATISTICS: OF 120 ELECTED MEMBERS OF OUTGOING PARLIAMENT, ONLY 30 WERE RE-ELECTED OCT 26. 32 DID NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION; 13 CHOSE TO RUN FOR A REGIONAL OR NATIONAL SEAT (RESULTS NOT KNOWN UNTIL AFTER PARLIAMENT MEETS NOV 6); 17 WERE DEFEATED IN PRIMARIES; 6 WERE SCRATCHED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL; AND 21 WERE DEFEATED AT THE POLLS. ONE SEAT WAS VACANT.

3. NOTABLES: IN ADDITION TO TWO MINISTERS WHO LOST THEIR SEATS, DEFEATED CANDIDATES INCLUDED SALEHE TAMBWE, JUNIOR MINISTER IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, AND LUCY LAMECK, ONE OF TANZANIA'S FEW ACTIVE WOMEN POLITICIANS. WOMEN CANDIDATES GENERALLLY DID BADLY, DESPITE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND OFFICIAL ENCOURAGEMENT TO RUN; ONLY ELEVEN WOMEN CANDIDATES SURVIVED THE PRIMARIES, AND OF THESE ONLY THREE WERE ELECTED. AMONG THE VICTORS WERE FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN MALECELA, WHO WON HANDILY DESPITE PRE-ELECTION REPORTS THAT HE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTIES, AND DEREK BRYCESON, THE LAST REMAINING WHITE ELECTED MEMBER, WHO WON AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY IN DAR ES SALAAM.

4. SYMBOLS: 69 CANDIDATES ASSIGNED THE "HOE" SYMBOL WERE ELECTED, COMPARED WITH ONLY 22 ASSIGEND THE "HOUSE", BUT THIS HARD TO EVALUATE AS THE MORE POPULAR "HOE" WAS GENERALLY ISSUED TO LEADERS IN THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS (SEE REF A). DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

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5. COMMENT: DIFFICULT EXTRACT MUCH OF SIGNIFICANCE TO US INTERESTS FROM ELECTION IN WHICH ISSUES WERE RIGOROUSLY EXCLUDED AND CAMPAIGNING LIMITED TO PUBLIC MEETINGS. UNLIKE PREVIOUS ELECTIONS, BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES WAS DISTRIBUTED ONLY IN THE DISTRICTS WHERE THEY RUNNING, AND WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN NATIONAL PRESS. NATIONAL FIGURES, SUCH AS MINISTERS, TENDED TO DO WELL, WHILE INCUMBENT BACKBENCHERS HAD A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TIME GETTING RE-ELECTED. EXTENT TO WHICH DEFEAT OF INCUMBENTES REPRESENTED GENERAL DISSATISFACTION WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES RATHER THAN RESPONSE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIFIC LOCAL AND PERSONALITY ISSUES IS NOT CLEAR.

6. THERE IS A FAIRLY WIDESPREAD NOTION THAT PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERSHIP SHOULD GO TO UNEMPLOYED LOCAL PARTY STALWARTS. (DAR ES SALAAM-BASED INCUMBENTS, WHO HAVE VERY LIMITED TRAVEL ALLOWANCES, TEND TO LOSE TOUCH WITH THE HOMEFOLKS.) SINCE PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO A RUBBER-STAMP FOR THE PARTY, WITH ONLY A MINORITY OF ELECTED MEMBERS, THIS VIEW IS LIKELY

TO GROW.

7. ELECTION DISTRICTS WERE REDRAWN TO COINCIDE WITH  
PARTY/ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS, THEREBY CREATING "TROIKA"  
IN EACH DISTRICT COMPOSED OF PARTY CHAIRMAN (ELECTED BY  
PARTY), PARTY SECRETARY/AREA COMMISSIONER (APPOINTED BY  
PRESIDENT), AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (ELECTED BY PUBLIC).  
WHETHER THIS WILL GIVE MPS SOME SIGNIFICANT NEW ROLE AT HOME  
TO OFFSET THEIR DECLINING SYMBOLIC LEGISLATIVE ONE REMAINS  
TO BE SEEN.  
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